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SUBJ: DISPOSAL OF TARGET DRONE

REF: STATE 247968

1. IN ORDER TO BE PREPARED TO ANSWER THE MANY GCOB QUESTIONS EXPECTED TO BE RAISED AS A RESULT OF THE ACTION REQUESTED REFTEL, REQUEST DETAILS OF THE OPERATION TO REMOVE SUBJECT DRONE BE PROVIDED EMBASSY. INCLUDE DETAILS OF THE OPERATION:

- A. NUMBER OF PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION,
- B. EXPECTED LENGTH OF TIME NEEDED TO REMOVE DRONE FROM BAHAMIAN SOIL,
- C. WHETHER DRONE IN ITS PRESENT LOCATION PRESENTS ANY DANGER TO PERSONNEL, IF SO, WHAT IS THE NATURE OF THE POTENTIAL DANGER, AND
- D. COORDINATES OF DISPOSAL AREA.

2. EMBASSY IS OF THE OPINION THAT IT IS ONLY NECESSARY TO OBTAIN GCOB PERMISSION TO REMOVE TARGET DRONE FROM BAHAMIAN SOIL PROVIDED DISPOSAL WILL BE CARRIED OUT BEYOND BOTH TERRI-
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TORIAL WATERS AND THE LIMIT OF THE BAHAMIANS CONTINENTAL

SHELF.

3. BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE, ASKING THE GCOB TO AUTHORIZE THE DISPOSAL AS DESCRIBED REFTEL WILL MOST LIKELY RESULT IN A REQUEST FOR A US GUARANTEE THAT THE DISPOSED MATERIAL WILL NOT REAPPEAR ON ANOTHER BAHAMIAN BEACH AS US GARBAGE; NOR WILL THE DISPOSAL AFFECT MARINE LIFE OR LEAVE JUNK ON THE BAHAMIAN CONTINENTAL SHELF.

4. IF THE TIMELY REMOVAL OF THE DRONE IS IMPORTANT, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS ASKING GCOB ONLY FOR PERMISSION TO REMOVE DRONE FROM GCOB SOIL. WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT NAVY THEN DISPOSE OF THE DRONE ON HIGH SEAS WELL CLEAR OF BOTH BAHAMIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS AND CONTINENTAL SHELF.

5. PLEASE ADVISE.
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